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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0203

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW ETHIOPIAN MESSAGE ON ERITREA

REF: KHARTOUM 60

1. FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED ETHIOPIAN CHARGE EARLIER IN DAY AND THAT LATTER HAD BROUGHT NEW MESSAGE FROM DIRG (JMXAN 23 PRESS STATES IT WAS ORAL MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN, PMAC). KHALID SAID DIRG HOPED SUDANESE WOULD INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS ERITREAN GUERILLAS TO HELP BRING ABOUT COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT. MESSAGE HAD SOUGHT FURTHER GUIDANCE RE TECHNIQUES USED IN SUDANESE SOUTHERN SETTLEMENT AND GOS EXPERIENCE WITH NATIONALIZATIONS. KHALID INDICATED SUDANESE RESPONSE WOULD POINT UP NIMEIRI'S REVERSAL OF POLICY ON NATIONALIZATION ISSUE SINCE MID-1971. ON ERITREAN ISSUE, HE OPINED MOMENT UNPROFITIOUS FOR MAJOR GOS EFFORT. HE SAID HE THOUGHT SUDANESE WOULD CONTINUE BE HELPFUL BUT THAT GOS WOULD WISH MAINTAIN "LOW PROFILE."

2. KHALID ALSO CONFIRMED TO ME THAT RUMORS CIRCULATING
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IN KHARTOUM IN RECENT DAYS RE SOME MOVE AGAINST

DIRG LEADER MENGHISTU HAD HAD SOME SUBSTANCE.
HOWEVER, KHALID THOUGHT DIFFICULTIES NOW FOR THE MOMENT
OVERCOME WITH MENGHISTU'S POSITION NOT PRESENTLY BEING
THREATENED.

3. KHALID SAID PMAC WOULD SHORTLY BE SENDING NEW
AMBASSADOR TO KHARTOUM AFTER WHICH BRIGHT YOUNG
CHARGE TEFERRA SHAWL WOULD BE RETURNING ADDIS TO BECOME
PRESS OFFICER FOR DIRG.

4. COMMENT: KHALID'S INITIAL REACTION TO PMAC MESSAGE
SUGGESTS GOS DOES NOT REGARD ERITREAN SITUATION AS SUFFICIENTLY
PROMISING TO WARRANT MAJOR NEW INTERVENTION BY KHARTOUM
AT THIS STAGE. RE TEFERRA TRANSFER, BELIEVE EMBASSY ADDIS
WOULD FIND HIM ARTICULATE AND HELPFUL CONTACT, AS WE HAVE
HERE.
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